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## HAVE A SAY IN DECLARING BC'S TOP BOATING DESTINATION

**Vancouver, BC** – Over the next two weeks, British Columbians will have the opportunity to select BC's top boating destination for the summer of 2019.

British Columbia is home to some of the most expansive and beautiful boating opportunities anywhere in the world. From Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, to the more than 27,000 kilometres of scenic coastline, to the hundreds of sparkling waterways in the interior and the north – there are literally hundreds of opportunities for any boating enthusiast.

But what is the top BC boating destination for 2019?

Boating BC Association recently asked the public, community, tourism and recreational organizations to participate in creating a top-10 list which is now the subject of a public vote to determine the ultimate winner. The deadline is end of day, Friday, July 12. BC's Top Boating Destination will be announced on Monday, July 15.

Voting can take place on Facebook and Instagram @boatingbc or online at [boatingbc.ca](http://boatingbc.ca) for one of the following destinations:

- Montague Harbour
- Princess Louisa Inlet
- Okanagan Lake
- Shuswap Lake
- Tahsis Inlet
- Desolation Sound
- Alert Bay
- Port Alice
- Thetis Island
- Kootenay Lake

"In 2017 we launched this challenge for the first time and it has been the source of overwhelming interest," said Don Prittie, President of Boating BC Association. "Boaters are passionate and enthusiastic - and we invite them to, again, take the opportunity to vote for their top boating destination for 2019."

The recreational boating industry in BC employs 17,000 full-time individuals, contributes more than \$2.2 billion annually to the provincial economy and has experienced a 30 per cent growth rate over the past six-years.

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